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ORDER AND DECLARATION
OF HIS
HIGHNES COUNCIL In *SCOTLAND*,
For the GOVERNMENT thereof:

For the more equal raising the *ASSESSMENT*, of Ten Thousand Pounds Sterling by the
Month, for the Six Months, commencing the first of *January*, 1656, and
ending the last of *June* next following.

Whereas his Highness the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland, by, and with the advice and consent of his Council, hath found it necessary towards the maintenance of the Forces, which must be kept up for the preservation of the Peace, the security of the good People of this Commonwealth, the preventing of Free-Quarter, which otherwise would inevitably follow, and for the defraying of other necessary Charges; To assess the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Sterling per menssem, upon the Nation of Scotland: And hath authorized and required his Council here, to cause the Monthly Assessments in Scotland to be raised, levied, collected, and paid, as well for and upon the personal as real Estates there, in such Proportions, and according to such Rules, as the Monthly Assessments are raised, levied, collected, and paid in England: It is therefore ordered and declared by the said Council, That the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Sterling monthly, as aforesaid, be assessed, taxed, collected, levied, and paid, in the several Shires, Cities, Burghs and Places respectively named in the Order and Declaration emitted from the said Council, for the Six Months Asses, commencing the first day of July, and ending the last of December, 1656; by the several Sums, and according to the several Rates and Proportions, and in such manner as was expressed and directed for the preceding Six Months in the said Order and Declaration, for every Month of the Six Months, commencing the first day of January, 1657, and ending the last day of June next following.

And, it is hereby further ordered and declared by the said Council, That the respective Commissioners for Asses, who by the said former Order and Declaration were appointed and empowered for each Shire and Burgh respectively, be, and shall be continued Commissioners of Asses in those places respectively, untill the last of June next: And the Commissioners of Asses in their respective Shires, Cities and Burghs, aforesaid, and all others to be employed in and about the said Monthly Assessments, are in the whole business of the said Monthly Asses, to proceed according to all such Rules, Powers and Authorities as were ordered and set down by the Order and Declaration of the said Council, for the preceding Six Months Assesment, bearing date the Twelfth of June, 1656. And the said Council do hereby order and require the Commissioners for Asses in each Shire and Burgh respectively, to take special care, that by the Twentieth of April next, the first four Months Asses, of the said Six Months Asses, be paid in to John Baynes Esq; Receiver-General of his Highness Revenue in Scotland; And that by the Tenth of June next, the last two Months Asses, of the said Six Months Asses, be duly paid in to the said Mr. Baynes, for the uses before-mentioned. Given at Edinburgh the 30 day of March, 1657.

Signed in the Name, and by Order of the Council.

GEORGE MONCK,

Monday the 30 of March, 1657.

At his Highness Council in *EDINBURGH*,

Ordere*d*, That this Order and Declaration, be forthwith
Printed and Published.

EMANUEL DOWNING, Cl. of the Council.